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The following is the position of the Bulgarian Danube Fleet during the early part of December:

1. Two motor barges--the Tchernomoretz and the Belomoretz-- are from 80 to 85 tons each and are armed with one small anti-aircraft gun and two machine guns. They are based at Ruse.
2. Two motor patrol boats are based at Ruse also. Their armament consists of one large machine gun, anti-aircraft. These vessels are believed to have been presented to the Bulgarian Navy by the Russians, as the Bulgarians did not possess them before.
3. There are six "frontier guard" motor boats, each armed with one machine gun.
4. There are four mine-trawlers of 30 tons each, armed with 1 machine gun, anti-aircraft, in the bows. These vessels are also believed to have been presented by the Russians.
5. The passenger boats Alexander Stambuliski and Georgi Dimitrov are new ships capable of carrying 3,000 passengers. The Tzaritza Evdokia has been renamed Treskovski.

6. The following are motorless barges:

Pleven	140 tons
Arda	100 tons
Russala	90 tons
Shumen	70 tons
Silistra	70 tons
Tutrakan	70 tons
Kalofer	60 tons

7. Barges with motors include:

Lom	70 tons
Vidin	70 tons
Svishtov	70 tons

8. The following are tugs:

Mateyev Staykov
Mintchev
Tutrakan
Sibir
Silistra

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9. The dredge Vidin is a part of the Bulgarian Danube fleet.

10. The ferry-boat Sofia at Ruse has motors fore and aft.

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11. The Tzar Simeon has been refloated.

12. Soviet pontoon bridges are in use between Vidin and Calafat, Orekhovo and Bechet, and Samovit and Turmu Magarele. These are cities in Rumania and Bulgaria separated by the Danube River.

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